Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The request from the Azhikode Societyfor a loan was not granted.

Destruction of Agricultural land by sea-erosion—investigations by the Harbour Engineer.

63. **Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 173, 17th December 1931, regarding destruction of agricultural land due to sea-erosion and in the light of the Government's remarks on the subject in the last sitting, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the views of the Harbour Engineer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The investigations have not yet beenmade by the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief.

Opening of Poor House.

64. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 223, 17th December 1931, regarding Poor House, will the Government be pleased to state when it will open and receive inmates?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Poor House was formally opened to receive inmates on 2nd Edavam 1108.

Causes of crimes.

65. **Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 251, 18th Decemter 1931, regarding the economic aspect of crimes, will the Government be pleased to state whether want and penury never caused crimes?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Want and penury may sometimes cause crimes.

Petition—Bavunni and others.

66. **Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the petition from Mr. Bavunni and others to the Cranganur Magistrate on or about the first of Meenam 1108; and

(2) state what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Copy is placed on the table (*Appendix III*).

(2) The cases filed in court including the Police charge case were compromised by the parties.

Necessity for marriage laws.

67. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to questions Nos. 274 and 281, 18th December 1931 regarding the necessity

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for marriage laws will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have not found it necessary to do anything in the matter.

Irregularity of wealth distribution.

68. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Referring to question No. 453, 25th February 1932, regarding unscientific irregularity of our wealth distribution, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their 'cannot' represents their unwillingness or inability in the matter;

(b) whether they are aware that there happen to be some civilised systems that have taken the bull by the horn and outraged the supposed immutability of Economic Laws causing greater public good thereby;

(c) whether they can interfere with the Laws of common sense?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) It is a matter of opinion and more or less depends upon how one understands the expression, the Laws of common sense.

Evacuation of villages by peasantry.

69. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to a question in one of the previous sittings, regarding the Steady Evacuation of our villages by the Ruined Peasantry, will the Government be pleased to state (1) whether they have made any attempt to collect the wanting statistics and even if they have not, (2) whether they intend to place the information on the table with such a long notice? (Question 606, Meenam of 1107).

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) No.

(2) No.

Effect of depression on Co-operative Credit Societies.

70. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to item 25 in answer to question No. 394, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that our Rural Co-operative Credit Societies, especially on the coastal regions like Azhikode are comparatively more affected by depression and that such societies are by experience found to be doing no palpable good for

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